

conversation with members, they referred to the dissolution of Parliament as probable in June.

M. FLOUQUET CALLED A LIAR.

Exciting Session of the French Chamber of Deputies—Duel Barely Averted.

PARIS, Dec. 11.—The ecclesiastical controversy caused a great disturbance in the Chamber of Deputies to-day. M. Hubert introduced a motion concerning the hostile attitude of the clergy and demanding that steps be taken for the separation of church and state. M. Fallieres, Minister of Justice and Public Worship, in reply to the motion, commented at length upon the conduct of the Archbishop of Aix and Bordeaux. In response to an interruption M. Floquet, president of the Chamber, said that Pope Pius IX had given his authority to Freemasonry and was himself a Freemason. M. De Cassagnac and M. Baudry d'Asson instantly jumped up and called M. Floquet a liar. A tremendous uproar ensued, lasting fully ten minutes. The speaker, M. Floquet, light, shouting at the tops of his voices, hurled various opprobrious epithets at the members of the Left, who responded with equal vigor. The cries of "infamous," "abominable," and the like were freely exchanged. Bishop Freppel shouted that M. Floquet's character was a calumny against the island. Comte De Mun cried that M. Floquet's words were insulting and false. Throughout the uproar M. Floquet remained perfectly calm. When the clamor had subsided he simply remarked that the Chair was now his, and with this he resumed his speech. M. Fallieres, resuming his speech, said that the government was opposed to the separation of church and state. The Ministry, he continued, would shortly introduce a bill dealing with associations which will apply equally to religious and secular communities. He added, however, that this bill must not be regarded as a prelude to the separation of church and state. The debate was adjourned.

It is reported that after the debate M. Floquet and M. De Cassagnac appointed seconds, but that M. De Cassagnac refused to accept the challenge. It is the general opinion among members of the Chamber of Deputies that the Ministry will not introduce a bill dealing with religious associations. The members of the Right, it appears, are determined to do their utmost to produce a Cabinet crisis.

LORD DUFFERIN HONORED AGAIN.

Appointed British Ambassador to France—His Gifted and Pretty Wife.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Lord Dufferin has been appointed British ambassador to France, in place of the late Lord Lytton. Lord Dufferin is probably an English statesman known better throughout the world than the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava. His brilliant career of uniform success is almost without a parallel in the annals of politics and diplomacy. As orator, administrator, diplomat, author and man of the world, this remarkable man has attained equal distinction. Lord Salisbury recently recognized

the small craft-fishing-boats and vessels engaged in the coastwise trade—are the principal offenders. Many of these vessels were unable to claw off shore, and were dashed upon the beach, where heavy seas soon broke them up. Much wreckage is being cast ashore along the banks at the lower part of the river Mersey, and fears are entertained for the safety of the vessels which sailed from that port yesterday.

Storms and floods have so weakened and undermined the ancient and massive walls of the city of Chester, that portions of the city of Roman structure have been swept away.

Three more underwriters engaged in the marine insurance business have concluded to withdraw, as their losses have been very heavy, and yesterday they tendered their resignations. This makes a total of seven underwriters who have withdrawn from the Society of Lloyd's within a few weeks, and the effect upon ship-owners and shippers is not at all reassuring. The extent of the business done by Lloyd's may be gauged when it is stated that the value annually insured amounts to more than \$40,000,000.

Hundreds of Chinese Drowned.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—A dispatch to the Times from Singapore states that a severe gale prevailed at Hong Kong on Dec. 4. A large number of Chinese vessels were destroyed, and hundreds of Chinese sailors and laborers engaged about the harbor were drowned. European and other vessels lying at Hong Kong suffered little damage.

RUSSIA'S DISTRESSFUL STATE.

All Classes Discouraged Over the Prospect—Famine Funds Frittered Away.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The Chronicle's St. Petersburg correspondent says: "Matters here are drifting from bad to worse. The whole energy of the Department of Finance is being expended in the vain endeavor to keep the Russian Empire from sinking into the Berlin and Paris exchanges. Despite reports of gold imports, the Imperial Bank returns do not show an increase. There is nothing to show whether the gold is locked in the war chest or what has become of it. All classes are discouraged because of the half-heartedness of the measures taken by the government to cope with the famine. The famine is only beginning to be realized. Merchants complain that the prohibition of the export of grain is an injustice, and that there is no circulation of money. The nobles are unable to collect their revenues, and, therefore, decline to pay what they owe shop-keepers."

The cessation of court festivities causes dire distress to small tradesmen. The famine funds have been frittered away by local authorities. The grand remedial measures exist only on paper. Complaints are made that the government is not doing its duty. The navy have been taken advantage of by those unfriendly to the government. The whole country appears to be a seething mass of discontent.

Rev. Mr. Francis, the pastor of the British and American church, in an interview with the Chronicle, said that he believed that the full horrors of the terrible affliction were yet to be described.

NOT HIS FIRST LOVE.

Wales's Son Declared His Passion for a French Princess Before He Met Victoria Mary.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The arrangements for the marriage of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, it is understood, discussed by the Cabinet to-day. Although the act of 1886 gave a special grant to the Duke, the Ministers hold that a dowry can be voted to Princess Victoria Mary. The Prince of Wales will visit the Queen at Windsor on Monday to state the intentions of the Ministers.

Although March 10 has been announced as the wedding day, the Prince of Wales to-night authorized the statement that the ceremony might take place earlier—probably on Feb. 10, the anniversary of the birth of the Prince of Wales.

The Prince of Wales will himself publicly announce the day when it has been definitely fixed. Mr. Gladstone and wife called at Marlborough House to-day to offer their congratulations on the betrothal of the Prince of Wales.

Mr. Gladstone merely signed his name in the visitors' book, but his wife had an interview with the Princess of Wales, and conveyed his good wishes. The Queen gave a dinner at Windsor to-night to the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, and the whole Teck family, who will leave the castle to-morrow.

The only current stories that the betrothal is due to the Duke of Clarence's persistent love under great opposition do not agree with court reports. On the contrary, it is known that the Duke of Clarence has long been enamored of Princess Helene of Orleans, and that two years ago he personally declared his passion for her to the Comte d'Artois and received the assurance that Princess Helene would marry him.

The Duke of Clarence, however, married his father and mother approved the match. Princess Helene then went to Rome to put the question of a change of religion, as an absolute necessity, before the Pope. The Pope told her that it would be impossible that such a change could obtain his recognition.

Princess Helene remained until Prince George became ill, when the Queen and Prince of Wales became alarmed, and over the chance of the Duke of Clarence's becoming a Roman Catholic, the Prince of Wales was then put upon the Duke of Clarence's mind.

On every side, family and cabinet reasons being adduced against an alliance with the house of France. This pressure led to his acceptance of Princess Victoria Mary, for whom he has shown a cousinly liking.

The Queen has promised a dowry to the Duke of Clarence, and the Duke of Clarence is being prepared as the first home of the pair. Clarence house, now occupied by the Duke of Devonshire, is being altered to suit the Duke's future residence. The royal family look forward to the permanent abode of the Duke of Clarence, and the Duke of Clarence is expected to leave the castle on the occasion of the coming marriage. On the occasion of the coming marriage the Queen will raise the Duke of Teck and his children to the dignity of "royal highnesses."

They are now simply "highnesses."

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

Members of the Parnellite Faction Seeking the Release of the Prisoners.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Mr. Justin McCarthy, an ardent surviving trustee of the Paris fund, has been served with a writ at the suit of Messrs. Timothy Harrington, John Redmond, Clancy O'Connor Kenny and Richard Lister, all of whom are members of the Parnellite section of the Irish parliamentary party, who claim that the funds are subject to a trust in favor of themselves and other members of the National League, and that the Parnellites are entitled to the removal of Mr. McCarthy from trusteeship and pray for the appointment of a proper trustee. Mr. McCarthy is included in the writ as co-defendant as administratrix of her husband's estate.

Mr. McCarthy, in reply to the writ, said that no proceedings in an English court could affect the conduct of the Paris fund. He stated that the fund was a trust, and that the Parnellites were the trustees, and that the funds were placed by the trustees, to recover the money which he had been identified by Mr. McCarthy declared that he did not entertain the slightest doubt as to the success of his party.

Little Girl Assaulted and Strangled.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—A most terrible crime came to light to-day at Brighton. Edith Jeal, a five-year-old girl, was sent to a shop with her brother last night. While the boy was purchasing the articles he had been sent to buy, little Edith remained outside.

When the boy came out of the shop his sister had disappeared. He searched for her first in the street and not finding her, he concluded that she had returned home. When he reached home he told his parents of the occurrence. They, too, searched everywhere for the child, but without success. The police were notified, and this morning they found Edith's body under a shed in a cricket field. The little girl had been most horribly maltreated, and then strangled. A man named Wood had been arrested for the crime. He has been identified by a number of children as the man who tried to entice them away.

Amnesty to Political Offenders.

PORT-AT-PRINCE, Dec. 11.—The government has finally taken a step which has been in contemplation for some time and which has been the subject of much deliberation.

To purify Your blood.

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HORRIBLE OUTRAGE.

Molten Metal Poured in the Eye of a Sleeping Colored Woman—Her Child Burned.

VICKSBURG, Miss., Dec. 11.—The wife and infant child of Albert Coleman, colored, were the victims to-night of a most heinous outrage.

The child was asleep when some unknown person entered and poured molten lead in her ear, and scattered a large quantity of it on the child. The woman's ear is burned out, and the physicians think she will die. The child is terribly burned, but may recover.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

Property Destroyed at Various Points—Several Barns Burned in Indiana.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—Fire this afternoon destroyed the Thomas dry-goods, shoe and work and the laundry and laundry building occupied by the California Motor Company. John O'Neill, foreman of a fire-engine, was struck on the head by a falling cornice at the motor company's building, and it is thought his skull is fractured. Engine No. 3 collided with the dunnage of a cable car and a fireman was thrown to the ground and killed.

The loss on the dry-goods is estimated at \$25,000; on the laundry, \$10,000. The California Motor Company's loss is \$50,000; insurance, \$10,000.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 11.—Fire last night burned the barn of Joseph Mitchell, four and one-half miles southeast of this place. The fire was discovered about 8 o'clock, but had progressed too far to be controlled. The entire contents, excepting three colts, were consumed, including four head of horses, three colts, 30 barrels of corn, farming implements, buggies, carriages and harness. The loss is estimated at \$5,000; insurance, \$3,000. The fire had an incendiary origin.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Harvey Batterman's dry-goods store, at Graham and Broadway, between Canal and West streets, was burned to-day morning, and the stock and building were damaged to the extent of \$45,000; insurance, \$10,000.

EMERSON, Ky., Dec. 11.—Fire which originated in the Constitutional office, shortly after midnight destroyed a block of new printed matter. Estimated loss, \$25,000; partly insured.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Secretary Foster continues to improve slowly, and was able to sit up for a short time to-day.

Three lads at La Harpe have been arrested on charges of robbing a mail train. They had been reading dime novels.

The sixteen alleged anarchists who were arrested on this case at Hall at Chicago, several weeks ago, and were fined, have appealed their cases to the Criminal Court.

Over two hundred stowaway passengers are detained at the cargo office, New York, on suspicion of being contract laborers. They are being held until they are bound for Pennsylvania.

Ten cars loaded with cattle were wrecked at the crossing of the Santa Fe and Union Pacific tracks, near Denver, last night. The cattle were injured fatally and other trunks were damaged.

The injunction brought by Robert Lindholm to restrain the Chicago Board of Trade from expelling him as a member for failure to pay dues, was dismissed yesterday.

Charles Manly, a colored burglar, on trial at Pittsburgh for robbing eighteen houses, walked quietly out of the Criminal Court room yesterday morning, and has not been recaptured. His case is now pending in the court room.

James Johnson, colored, was hanged at Elizabethtown, N. C., yesterday in the presence of three thousand people. Johnson was charged with the murder of Florence Sutton, a colored girl ten years of age, and was murdered here. He confessed his guilt and was hanged.

The commercial war now raging between Canada and Newfoundland will be considered by the Hon. Mr. Laurier to-day. There are grave doubts whether the proposed extra duties can be levied on Canadian goods, and whether the action of the British government will be successful.

Dates of Race Meetings Next Year.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—At a meeting of the board of control of the governing body of the city, the following dates for the action of the following dates were given for next year:

Spring Meetings—Brooklyn Jockey Club, Monday, May 6, to Saturday, May 28; New York Jockey Club, Monday, May 20, to Friday, June 12; Coney Island Jockey Club, Saturday, June 13, to Saturday, June 27; Monmouth Park Racing Association, Monday, July 4, to Thursday, Aug. 25.

Summer Meetings—Brooklyn Jockey Club, Saturday, Aug. 27, to Saturday, Sept. 13; Brooklyn Jockey Club, Monday, Sept. 14, to Friday, Sept. 26; Coney Island Jockey Club, Saturday, Oct. 1, to Saturday, Oct. 15.

Deaths of Operations.

SHINGLE SPRING, Cal., Dec. 11.—The office of the Wells-Fargo Express Company of this place was robbed last night by two burglars, who carried off \$300 in cash and jewelry, and compelled him to surrender the keys of the safe. The robbers secured \$300 in cash, and then fled to the hills. The sheriff and posse are in pursuit.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 11.—Shortly after midnight a gang of negroes forced open the door of the railway station at Linwood, Ark., and compelled agent Ed Bryant to give up two express packages, one containing \$500 and the other \$300.

Business Embarrassments.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Francis Baker and Wendel Baker, composing the firm of Francis Baker & Co., dry goods and commission merchants of this city, today assigned to Welcome S. Jarvis without preference. Debts, \$250,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—A deficiency judgment for \$25,000, against the Knickerbocker Brewing Company, in favor of Henry W. Poor, was filed to-day in the county clerk's office.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Charles P. Beck, with broker and dealer in oils at No. 153 Maiden lane, made an assignment to-day to Joseph A. Berger, Jr., without preference.

Obituary.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 11.—Mr. A. Russell, a prominent citizen and member of the firm of Duncan & Gaines and McCrea & Co., died at his home, No. 1511 Broadway street, at 7:30 this morning.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11.—Thomas R. Davis, auditor of the disbursements of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, died at his residence to-day. Mr. Davis was sixty-one years old and had been in the employ of the Pennsylvania road for the past forty-two years.

Diamond Bracelets, new styles, at Mary's.

Lovely Shell Hair Ornaments at Mary's.

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THE OFFICIAL REPORT OF GEN. HURST.

Ohio Food Commissioner, shows ROYAL the purest Baking Powder.

Every other Baking Powder tested contained impurities — from 10.18 per cent to 86.23 per cent. of their entire weight.

are liked by the juveniles. This one is handsomely illustrated. Illuminated board covers, \$1.50. Estes & Lauriat.

BOOKS OF THE SEASON.

(Received through the Bowen-Merrill Company, Indianapolis.)

A work of real historic value is "The Financier and the Finances of the American Revolution," by William G. Sumner of Yale University. The financier, of course, is Robert Morris, who easily ranks as the first American financier of that period. The book contains a biography of him and a complete and connected account of the financial operations resorted to by the revolutionary government to raise funds, float its obligations, and maintain some degree of credit. Neither the subject has heretofore been made the object of thorough investigation, but in this work they are fully and exhaustively treated. No financier ever undertook a more stupendous task under more appalling difficulties than Morris undertook when he assumed the responsibility of chief financier of Congress during the revolutionary period. In order to appreciate its magnitude it is necessary to enter into the history of the period and become familiar with the details of the situation and the work. This work enables the reader to do so. It is a very comprehensive view of the whole subject. It shows great research, and is written in a clear, attractive style. It is a two-volume work, which are issued in handsome style by Dodd, Mead & Co., New York, the price of the two volumes, in cloth with gilt tops, being \$5.

"Ben-Hur" needs no introduction to Indians readers. Its fame has become a part of the State's heritage and will continue to be as long as English literature survives. Harper & Brothers have issued a new "dramatized" edition of the book, which is a marvel of perfection and beauty in the book-making line. "Ben-Hur" abounds in "local color," and this edition is illustrated on that idea. The numerous full-page plates are photographs of the natural and architectural landmarks which still remain in the East to mark the background of the Savior's life, forcibly before the reader's eyes. The margin of every page bears two or three pictorial notes, done by W. M. Johnson, in the same sketchy style as the illustrations. The book is a masterpiece of art, and a facsimile of the letter from General Grant, in which he wrote that the book was a "marvel of perfection and beauty in the book-making line." "Ben-Hur" abounds in "local color," and this edition is illustrated on that idea. The numerous full-page plates are photographs of the natural and architectural landmarks which still remain in the East to mark the background of the Savior's life, forcibly before the reader's eyes. The margin of every page bears two or three pictorial notes, done by W. M. Johnson, in the same sketchy style as the illustrations. The book is a masterpiece of art, and a facsimile of the letter from General Grant, in which he wrote that the book was a "marvel of perfection and beauty in the book-making line."

One of the really interesting and valuable books of the season is "Pharaohs, Fellahs and Explorers," by Amelia B. Edwards, the celebrated English Egyptologist. Miss Edwards is one of the best informed persons living in all that relates to ancient Egyptian life, and the modern excavations and discoveries in that country. The present work contains, with large additional notes and references, the substance of a course of lectures on ancient Egyptian life and of the explorations which have resulted in recent years in so many valuable historical discoveries. The work is a delightful study in narrative and description, and is able to invest the subject with a wealth of Egyptian lore, which even a specialist in the field would find it difficult to find elsewhere. The book is printed and bound in very handsome style, is profusely illustrated with original drawings and has an excellent alphabetical index. There is a fine frontispiece portrait of the author, Harper & Brothers.

"House and Hearth," by Harriet Prescott Spofford, treats a variety of social topics connected with married life in a series of short and well-written essays under such chapter-headings as "The Maid Herself," "The Bride," "Marriage," "Honey-moon," "The Allowance," "In-laws," "Relations," "The Unhappy Wife," "The Old Wife," etc. It is a book that will interest women. Dodd, Mead & Co.

Dodd, Mead & Co. publish "A Rose of a Hundred Leaves," by Amelia E. Barr, author of "Jan Veder's Wife," etc. This is a genuine love story. The sentiment is slight and tender, but the action of the story carries a sustained interest to the end. It is prettily illustrated.

Lovers of New England life and scenery will find much to interest them in a volume entitled "Land of the Lingerer Snow," by Frank Bolles. It purports to be the chronicles of a stroller in New England, from January to June, the record being a series of graphic sketches of outdoor life and scenery. The author is a close observer of nature of the Thoreau school, and his style is a strong New England flavor. The book is one that will be enjoyed by all lovers of nature. Cloth, \$1.25. Houghton, Mifflin & Co.

Houghton, Mifflin & Co. publish "Three Tales," by W. D. O'Connor. The three tales are "The Ghost," "The Brazen Android," and "The Allowance." The first is a preface by Walt Whitman. Cloth, \$1.25.

Mrs. Mary Hartwell Catherwood is out with a new novel entitled, "The Lady of Fort St. John." The scene is laid in Acadia, and the story deals with events and personages with which the author has familiarized herself by studies of Nova Scotian history and records. It has much the flavor and tone of "The Romance of Dollard," by the same author. Cloth, \$1.25. Houghton, Mifflin & Co.

A modernized version of the "Morte D'Arthur" is issued by the J. B. Lippincott Company, under the title of "King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table." It is an adaptation of Sir Thomas Malory's original work to the tastes of our own day, his obsolete phraseology and credulities of style being reduced to modern English, and his story is told in a clear, attractive and spirited manner. It is a highly interesting and valuable addition to the literature of the Arthurian legends. It is published in attractive style by the J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia.

"Chatterbox" is an annual publication which is no doubt looked for and longed for by the juvenile world and by grown-up people who seek to delight the juveniles. Its excellent reading matter and its bright and spirited pictures render it a most valuable addition to the literature of the juvenile world. It is published in attractive style by the J. B. Lippincott Company,